

Pentrepoeth Primary School

Monday December 18<sup>th</sup> 2023

# Newsletter



‘creating a **C**aring, **R**espectful,  
**O**pen **E**nvironment  
where **S**uccess and  
**O**ppportunity flourish’



# This Week's Information

Dear Parent and Carer,

Please find some information for the week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023, the last week of the Autumn term.



**Christmas Parties** – Nursery to Year 2 are having their parties today. Children in Years 3 to 6 will be having their parties tomorrow Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December. Pupils can wear non uniform to school for this day.

**Christmas Concerts** – a huge shout out to all of our children – the performances were all amazing. I have written to Santa to tell him ! Thank you to all families who supported us with these.

**After School Clubs** – A reminder that there are no after school clubs this week. Information regarding clubs for the spring term will be sent out week beginning January 8<sup>th</sup> 2024.

**Elfridges** – The PTA will be running Elfridges on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Please see graphic from PTA on following page

**Breakfast Club**- Bookings for the Spring term are open FROM 3.00pm. Please book for both early and late breakfast sessions via Parentpay. Bookings will close on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Thank you.

**Children Leaving and Starting** – Good luck to children leaving us for new schools after Christmas. We look forward to some new children starting with us in nursery in January.

**INSET Day** – A reminder that school will be closed for children on Friday December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Friday December 22<sup>nd</sup> is an INSET day.

**Christmas Dinner** – This will take place in school on [Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December](#). Please book via ParentPay.

**Spring Term** – Term starts on Monday January 8<sup>th</sup> 2024.

Thank you for all of your support during 2023.

Merry Christmas

Kind regards,

Dean Taylor  
Headteacher



**A Star In The East by Idris Davies**  
When Christmastide to Rhymney came  
And I was six or seven  
I thought the stars in the eastern sky  
Were the brightest stars of heaven.

I chose the star that glittered most  
To the east of Rhymney town  
To be the star above the byre  
Where Mary's babe lay down.

And nineteen hundred years would meet  
Beneath a magic light,  
And Rhymney share with Bethlehem  
A star on Christmas night.

by Idris Davies



# PTA Information



December 2023

## PTA NEWSLETTER

### THIS WEEK

### Rainbow Raffle



Messages have been sent to all our winners! Thanks so much for supporting this event and we hope you enjoy your hampers!



**ELFRIDGES WEDNESDAY 20TH**  
1 GIFT PER CHILD £1/£2/£2.50/£3.50



ELFRIDGES ONLINE PAYMENTS MUST BE IN BY TONIGHT

Cash only on the day



November 2023

## PTA NEWSLETTER

### Elfridges 20th December

Elfridges store will be open

Each child may purchase 1 gift

Items priced at £1 / £2.50 and £3.50

Cash on the day or payment to the PTA bank account **NO LATER** than December 18th (Sort code : 20-60-58 Acc : 63184935)

Online payments must have child's name and class as reference so we can match them up before the 20th

Please continue to send in any unopened and unwanted gifts that we can use to stock stalls



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# Dates For Your Diary

## Term Dates

School year 2023-2024

Term	Start	Half Term starts	Half Term ends	Term ends
Autumn	Fri 1 September 2023	Mon 30 October 2023	Fri 3 November 2023	Fri 22 December 2023
Spring	Mon 8 January 2024	Mon 12 February 2024	Fri 16 February 2024	Fri 22 March 2024
Summer	Mon 8 April 2024	Mon 27 May 2024	Fri 31 May 2024	Fri 19 July 2024

May day - Monday 6 May 2024

**INSET Days – School is closed for children:**  
 Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September  
 Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October  
 Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November  
 Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December  
 Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February.  
 Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

School year 2024-2025

Term	Start	Half Term starts	Half Term ends	Term ends
Autumn	Mon 2 September 2024	Mon 28 October 2024	Fri 1 November 2024	Fri 20 December 2024
Spring	Mon 6 January 2025	Mon 24 February 2025	Fri 28 February 2025	Fri 11 April 2025
Summer	Mon 28 April 2025	Mon 26 May 2025	Fri 30 May 2025	Mon 21 July 2025

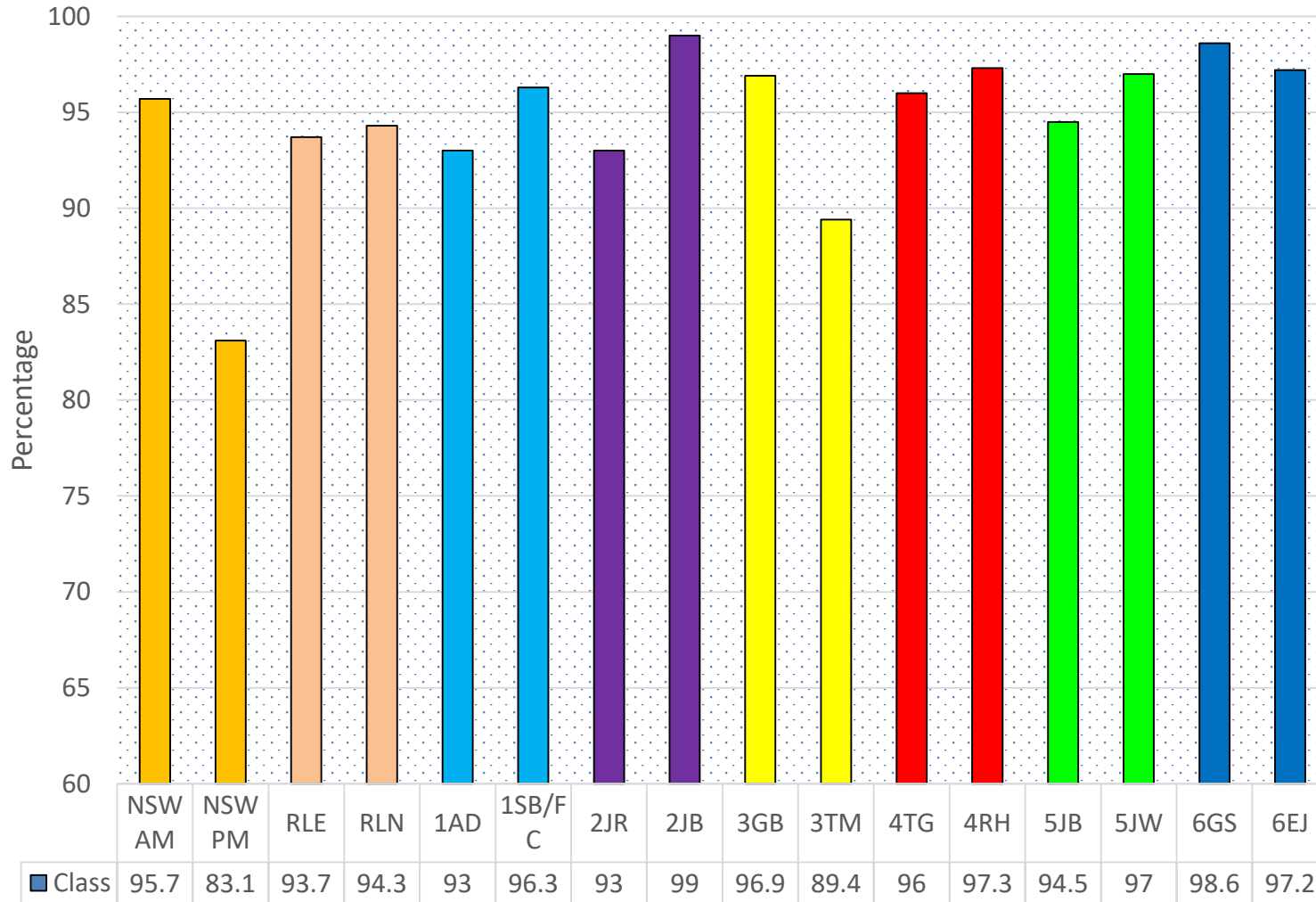
May Day - Monday 5 May 2025





# Attendance

## Last Week...



### SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MATTERS

- 100%**
    - not missing any lessons during term time. Present for all lessons activities and social time.
  - 95%**
    - missing in excess of two weeks of education. Absent from the classroom for up to three weeks and the loss of a significant amount of education.
  - Under 92%**
    - missing more than 3 weeks of education. A serious loss of learning which is likely to have a detrimental effect on your child's achievement and life chances.
- "Punctual and regular school attendance is an essential requirement for successful learning from the time a child starts school".



Well done to Mrs Beard's class last week.

### REMINDER FOR PARENTS:



**Don't let your child circulate flu, Covid and Strep A in school**

Children with a fever should stay at home until they feel better.

A fever is a high temperature.

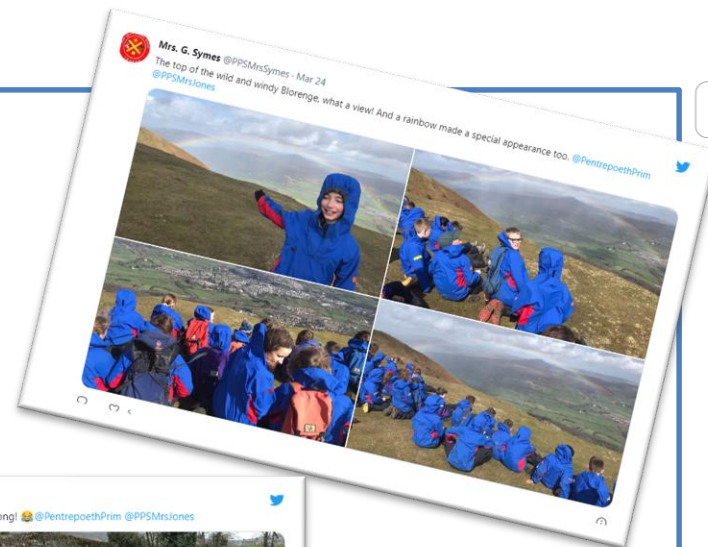
Flu vaccination is still available for all children from aged 2 up to and including school year 11. This is the best protection against the virus.

# Follow us on X



Keep up to date with news and our learning on X!

Class/ Area	X
Main School	<a href="https://twitter.com/PentrepoethPrim">@PentrepoethPrim</a>
Nursery – Miss Williams	<a href="https://twitter.com/PPSMrsWilliams">@PPSMrsWilliams</a>
Reception – Mr Nocivelli	<a href="https://twitter.com/PPSMrNocivelli">@PPSMrNocivelli</a>
Reception – Miss Ellis	<a href="https://twitter.com/PPSMissEllis">@PPSMissEllis</a>
Year 1 Mrs Batrouni and Mrs Cleaves	<a href="https://twitter.com/PPSMrsBatrouni">@PPSMrsBatrouni</a>
Year 1- Mrs Drummond	<a href="https://twitter.com/PPSMrsDrummond">@PPSMrsDrummond</a>
Year 2- Mrs Beard	<a href="https://twitter.com/PPSMrsBeard2jb">@PPSMrsBeard2jb</a>
Year 2 – Mrs Rose	<a href="https://twitter.com/PPSMrsRose">@PPSMrsRose</a>
Year 3 – Mr Merriman	<a href="https://twitter.com/PPSMrmerriman">@PPSMrmerriman</a>
Year 3 – Miss Blair	<a href="https://twitter.com/PPSMissBlair">@PPSMissBlair</a>
Year 4 – Mrs Gooding	<a href="https://twitter.com/PPSMrsGooding">@PPSMrsGooding</a>
Year 4 – Mr Hall	<a href="https://twitter.com/PPSMrHall">@PPSMrHall</a>
Year 5 – Mrs Baxter	<a href="https://twitter.com/PPSMrsBaxter">@PPSMrsBaxter</a>
Year 5 – Mr Willmore	<a href="https://twitter.com/PPSMrWillmore">@PPSMrWillmore</a>
Year 6 – Mrs Jones	<a href="https://twitter.com/PPSMrsJones1">@PPSMrsJones1</a>
Year 6 – Mrs Symes	<a href="https://twitter.com/PPSMrsSymes">@PPSMrsSymes</a>



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